

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2257 - SB 2327

March 27, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Deletes authorization permitting local education agencies to transport students to interscholastic events by 15-passenger van.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- U.S. Code 49 § 30112 prohibits the use of new 15-passenger vans to transport students to school activities after August 10, 2005 unless the van passes motor vehicle safety standards proscribed in federal law for school buses. This law does not apply retroactively to vans that were purchased before August 10, 2005.
- Under federal statute, these vehicles may be used to transport students.
- Removing this authorization from Tenn. Code Ann. will have a minimal effect on local education agency (LEA) transportation operations.
- Any increase in local expenditures to transport students by means other than 15-passenger vans is estimated to be not significant.
- It is unknown how many LEAs are currently using these vehicles to transport students.
- No impact on the BEP formula.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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